



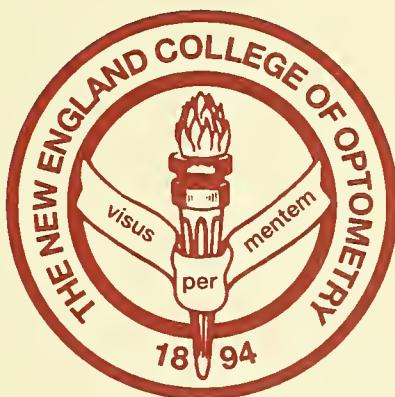
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# THE NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE of OPTOMETRY

*Commencement Exercises*  
**2006**



“112 Years of Academic Excellence”

*Sunday, the fourth of June  
Boston Marriott Copley Place  
Boston, Massachusetts*



# Commencement Program

## Processional

*Marshall*

James Comerford, OD, PhD, *Faculty Chair*

## Invocation

Reverend Stephen M. Shick

## Welcome

Alan Laird Lewis, OD, PhD, *President*

Francis L. DiMella, AIA, *Chairman, Board of Trustees,*  
*The New England College of Optometry*

James Hooley, MSW, *Board of Directors,*  
*New England Eye Institute, Inc.*

## Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Larry Clausen, OD, EdD, *Doctor of Ocular Science*  
*Comments*

Jerald Strickland, OD, PhD, *Doctor of Humane Letters*  
*Comments*

## Valedictory Address

Elizabeth L. Skeya, *Class of 2006*

## Presentation of Candidates for Master of Science in Vision Science Degrees

David A. Heath, OD, EdM, *Vice President/Dean of Academic Affairs*

*Hooding the Candidates:*

David Troilo, PhD, *Professor of Biology*

## Presentation of Candidates for Doctor of Optometry Degrees

David A. Heath, OD, EdM, *Vice President/Dean of Academic Affairs*

*Hooding the Candidates:*

Barry Barresi, OD, PhD, *President, New England Eye Institute, Inc.*

James Comerford, OD, PhD, *Faculty Chair*

## Conferral of Degrees

Alan Laird Lewis, OD, PhD, *President*

## Pledge

Dr. Lewis leads the graduates in the Optometric Oath

## Benediction

Reverend Stephen M. Shick

## Recessional

*Reception immediately following the ceremony*

## **2006 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS**

### **Larry Clausen, OD, EdD Doctor of Ocular Science**

Dr. Clausen served as the President of the New England College of Optometry for ten years, leaving that position in 1999. Following this appointment Clausen became Vice President of Academic Affairs at Pacific University in Oregon, and subsequently accepted a fellowship at the Wenzhou Medical College in the People's Republic of China. During his stay in China he was appointed as international consultant to the Bureau of Education for the municipal government of Wenzhou. In 2004, China's State Administration of Foreign Affairs awarded Clausen its prestigious Friendship Award, the highest honor that China confers to foreign experts. He now serves as the Dean of Allied Health and Science at Portland Community College, Oregon's largest institution of higher education.

### **Jerald Strickland, OD, PhD Doctor of Humane Letters**

A graduate from the School of Optometry at Indiana University, Dr. Strickland has held various academic positions throughout his career. He currently serves as Assistant Vice Chancellor for International Studies and Programs with the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges and has received such awards as the Texas Optometric Association's Distinguished Service Award, Optometrist of the Year and the Spirit of Philanthropy award from Indiana University. Dr. Strickland has played a pivotal role in international optometry and has been recognized with the Presidente de Honor Award from the Universidad de LaSalle, Bogota, Columbia. In 2001, he was elected as the founding President of the Board of Trustees for the World Optometric Foundation, Inc. This group serves as the fundraising arm of the World Council of Optometry.

# Doctor of Optometry Degree Recipients

Nicole O. Aguiar	Somerset, MA
William T. Alexander	Hartsville, SC
David B. Bodkin	Collinsville, VA
Neil A. Carvalho	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Julie M. Cervenka	Manchester, NH
Andrea H. Chan	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Hui-Chu J. Chang *	Brookline, MA
Alan Cheung	Los Angeles, CA
Neng Chhean	Los Angeles, CA
Onah Cho	Elmhurst, NY
Jessica J. Connolly	Spokane, NY
Michael S. Cooper	Bohemia, NY
Megan L. Cope	Southhampton, PA
Paul C. Day + #	Rockledge, FL
Robert J. Deek	Flint, MI
Amandeep Dhaliwal	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
Kenneth R. Dickerson	Bellingham, MA
Michael E. Dobrowolski	Nashua, NH
Francisco V. Dozon, Jr.	Norfolk, NE
Gregory T. Ferrucci	Milford, MA
Pamela B. Furman	New York, NY
Gretchen A. Gerhardt	Columbia, MO
Susie Gill	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Christopher C. Goswick	Belmont, MA
Tammy J. Gray	Aurora, CO
Romea M. Harris-Baxter	Miami, FL
Jennifer Hartzell	Des Moines, IA
Michael W. Henderson	Boston, MA
Sarah E. Hill	Billings, MT
Len V. Hua *	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Nghia Hua #	San Jose, CA
Scott D. Huffer	South Boston, MA
Autumn H. Jackson	Boston, MA
Rizwan S. Jaffer	Boston, MA
Susan Javanfar	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Catherine A. Johnson	London, Ontario, Canada
Tamara S.W. Kara #	Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada
Tatyana I. Katz *	Brookline, MA
Jeffrey S. Kenyon	Swansea, MA
Willette C. King	Brighton, MA
Crystal J. Klaahsen	Glenwood, MN
Kristen P. Lamoreau	Castle Hill, ME
Angela K. Langthorne	Bedford, Nova Scotia, Canada
Evie O. Lawson	Bellevue, MA

Deborah I. Lee	Bayside, NY
Xu Li *#	Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China
Elisa Lim	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Alexandra J. Littlejohn	Smiths Parish, Bermuda
Jazmin A. Logendra	Piscataway, NJ
Cheryl P. Lopez	Killeen, TX
Veasna Ma	Long Beach, CA
Christopher I. Main	Geneva, NY
Karl P. Malicdem	Baltimore, MD
Salima Manji	Pickering, Ontario, Canada
Elizabeth A. Martin	Naperville, IL
Laura E. Martin	Jamaica Plain, MA
John J. Mayes	Renton, WA
Andrew D. L. McLeod	Rochester, MN
Stacey M. Morinaga	Aiea, Hawaii
Joseph H. Nguyen	Costa Mesa, CA
Lien T. K. Nguyen	Brandon, Manitoba, Canada
Minh-Hanh T. Nguyen	San Diego, CA
Ilka Nolens #	Hasselt, Belgium
Brenton D. Ormiston	Paris, IL
Angelo G. Papaspilos	Dallas, TX
Jessica M. Philbrook	Crystal, ME
Anita A. Phromsivarak	Loop Beaverton, OR
Nicole M. Rabideau	Riverside, RI
Alexandria E. Scatchell	Chicago, IL
Patrick A. Scott	Buffalo, NY
Iryna Sheludchenko *	Raleigh, NC
Elizabeth L. Skeya	Bangor, ME
William R. Steigerwald, Jr.	Middletown, DE
Daniel G. Sullivan	Worcester, MA
Farrah F. Sunderji	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Hung L. Thai	San Jose, CA
Komal Thakore +	Cambridge, MA
Melissa J. Thurber	Newton, MA
Layli Toutounchian	Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
Linh T. Trieu	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Thao M. Vu	Duluth, GA
Charlotte M. Wagg	New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada
Dorothy Z. Wang *	Belmont, MA
Scott D. Wheeler	Hubbardston, MA
Nicholas E. Wisniewski	Bozrah, CT
Hong Xu *#	Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China
Melissa L. Yip	Fresh Meadows, NY
Shirley S. Yu	Cupertino, CA
Yaakov G. Zacks	Brighton, MA

\* Accelerated Optometric Degree Program

+ Advanced Standing International Program

# Doctor of Optometry Degree to be awarded in September 2006

# **Master of Science in Vision Science Degree Recipients**

Andrew D. L. McLeod  
Patrick A. Scott

Rochester, MN  
Buffalo, NY

# **Bachelor of Science in Optometry Degree Recipients**

Viktoriya Dogadaylo  
Ryan P. Shea  
Sandra C. Tucker

Needham, MA  
Edgartown, MA  
Tullahoma, TN

*The information in this program should not be considered as verification that a degree was received. All inquiries should be directed to the Registrar's Office.*

## ***Faculty Awards***

**Foster Namias Award**  
**Carroll Martus Award**

Thomas Freddo, OD  
Anthony A. Cavallerano, OD

## ***Clinical Awards***

**Asarkof Scholarship**

Michael W. Henderson

**William C. Barrett Memorial  
Scholarship**

Thao M. Vu

**Class of 1969 Scholarship**

Robert J. Deek

**Eschenbach Award for  
Excellence in Low Vision**

Yaakov G. Zacks

**William Feinbloom  
Low Vision Award**

Scott D. Wheeler

**David J. Kerko  
Low Vision Award**

Farrah F. Sunderji

**College of Optometrists  
in Vision Development**

Farrah F. Sunderji

**Marchon Eyewear Practice  
Management Award**

Anita A. Phromsivarak

**The New England College  
of Optometry Clinic Award**

Catherine A. Johnson

**RGP Lens Institute Award**

William T. Alexander

**Ira Schwartz Behavioral  
Vision Award**

Catherine A. Johnson

**Vistakon Award of Excellence in  
Contact Lenses**

Andrew D. L. McLeod

**Vision Service Plan Award**

Andrea H. Chan  
Kenneth R. Dickerson

**Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society**

Nicôle O. Aguiar \*  
Hui-Chu J. Chang  
Jessica J. Connolly  
Kenneth R. Dickerson  
Michael E. Dobrowolski  
Susie Gill \*  
Tammy J. Gray \*  
Romea M. Harris-Baxter  
Len V. Hua  
Catherine A. Johnson \*  
Tatyana Katz  
Jeffrey S. Kenyon \*  
Kristen P. Lamoreau  
Laura E. Martin \*  
Ilka Nolens  
Iryna Sheludchenko  
Elizabeth L. Skeya \*  
Farrah F. Sunderji  
Komal Thakore  
Melissa J. Thurber \*  
Layli Toutounchian  
Dorothy Z. Wang

*\*Three-Year Participation*

## *Personal Achievement Awards*

**F. Dow Smith Award** Jennifer Hartzell

**Dr. Hyman R. Kamens Award** Jeffrey S. Kenyon

**National Optometric Student Association Award** Jazmin A. Logendra

**Dr. Edward Joseph Troendle, Jr. Award** Hung L. Thai

**Alumni Association Award** Sarah E. Hill  
Hung L. Thai

## *Academic Awards*

**Valedictory and Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal** Elizabeth L. Skeya

**Salutatory** Catherine A. Johnson

**Advanced Standing International Program Scholastic Achievement Award** Komal Thakore

**William R. Baldwin Scholastic Achievement Award** Hui-Chu J. Chang



# Candidates for Residency Certification

## *Cornea and Contact Lenses*

Karen Carrasquillo, OD, PhD  
Stephanie Su, OD

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The New England College of Optometry

## *Family Practice Optometry*

Sonya Park, OD

Dorchester House Multi-Service Center

## *Ocular Disease*

Dzenana Idrizovic OD  
Bao-Kim Nguyen, OD

Manchester VA Medical Center  
Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston

## *Pediatric Optometry*

Anna Maria Baglieri, OD  
Kimberley Chan, OD

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## *Primary Eye Care*

Kierstyn Napier Dovorany, OD  
Lee Gelman, OD  
Lauren LaPaglia, OD

VA Vermont-White River Junction campus  
VA Connecticut - Newington campus  
VA Connecticut - Newington campus

## *Primary Eye Care - Geriatric Optometry*

Rebecca Bader, OD	Bedford VA Medical Center
Ryan Beyer, OD	VA Boston-Brockton campus
Kristin Brennan, OD	VA Boston-Brockton campus
Ceida Chan, OD	VA Boston-Jamaica Plain campus
Nyssa Connell, OD	VA Boston- Brockton campus
Vistor Ganson, OD	VA Boston-West Roxbury campus
David Hasson, OD	Bedford VA Medical Center
Bridget Hendricks, OD	VA Boston-Brockton/Worcester campuses
Megan Lind, OD	VA Boston-West Roxbury campus
Kimberly Ninyo, OD	VA Boston- Jamaica Plain campus
Douglas Rett, OD	VA Boston- Jamaica Plain campus

## *Primary Eye Care - Low Vision Rehabilitation*

Erin Anderson, OD	VA Connecticut - West Haven campus
Anjali P. Shah, OD	VA Connecticut - West Haven campus
Rita Vijh, OD	VA Connecticut - West Haven campus

# The Optometric Oath\*

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standard, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

*\*Adopted by the American Optometric Association and by the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry*

# Academic Heraldry

The caps, gowns and hoods worn at College functions have their origins in the robes worn by monks and students in the middle ages to keep out the cold and damp. Today, the academic regalia have been standardized by tradition and agreement among institutions of higher learning.

The gowns for bachelor degrees have long, pointed sleeves and are worn closed. Masters degree holders wear gowns with oblong sleeves open at the wrist. The gown may be worn open or closed. Gowns for the doctoral degree carry long velvet panels down the front and have three velvet bars on the full sleeves. The velvet may be black or of a color distinctive to the field of study for which the degree is given. Gowns are usually black, but a few institutions now prescribe colors representative of the school.

Caps, also called mortarboards, may be of cloth or, for the doctoral outfit, velvet. The tassel is black or of a color appropriate to the field of study. Doctoral tassels may be gold.

The colors on the hoods provide the institutional identity and signify the field of study. The style of the hood is specific to the degree level, with doctoral hoods being larger, with wider velvet borders, and with a panel at the back. The silk lining of the hood is in the institutional colors and the velvet borders signify the field of the degree. Commonly seen colors are:

Arts, letters, humanities:	white
Architecture:	brown
Dentistry:	lilac
Education:	light blue
Law:	purple
Library science:	lemon yellow
Medicine:	green
Optometry:	seafoam green
Philosophy:	dark blue
Public Administration:	peacock blue
Public Health:	salmon pink

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for their unwavering support and encouragement.*







